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City of Barrie

Final

International Relations Committee

Tuesday, August 30, 2022 | **6:00 PM** | **Virtual Meeting**

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT
For consideration by Finance and Responsible Governance Committee on March 1, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, D. Morrison at 6:18 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 19 - Chairman D. Morrison - Arras France
Deputy Mayor B. Ward
Lieutenant Colonel J M Brault - Base Borden
Vice Chair M. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
J. Babcock - Youth Ambassadors
B. Brookes - The Borough of Harrogate
C. Byles-Ho - Youth Ambassadors
C. Cudmore - Arras France
I. Jodoin - Arras France
L. Lalonde - Arras France
L. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
R. LeRoux - The Borough of Harrogate
H. Noguchi - Japan Twinning
L. Palson - Georgian College
J. M. Pigeon - German Twinning
P. Sachkiw - Japan Twinning
B. Sergeant - The Borough of Harrogate
K. Shirakura - Georgian College
S. Scully-Pratt - Youth Ambassadors

Absent: 4 - R. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
T. Gardiner - Japan Twinning
G. Johnston - Japan Twinning
J. Laking - German Twinning

STAFF:
Committee Support Clerk, T. Maynard.

The International Relations met and reports as follows:

COMMITTEE BUDGET UPDATE

Tammie Maynard, Committee Support Clerk provided an update concerning the Committee's budget.

LEGACY FUND UPDATE

Dave Morrison, Chair provided an update concerning the Legacy Fund. Mr. Morrison provided information concerning the Barrie Community Foundation and creating grant procedures for youth ambassador donations. He discussed potential changes to the composition of the International Relations Committee to include a representative for the Legacy Fund on the Committee

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS WEBSITE UPDATE

Ciaran Byles-Ho provided an update concerning the International Partners Website. Mr. Byles-Ho advised that a link to the City of Barrie's live camera feed and links to International partners webpages have been added to the website.

MURAYAMA, JAPAN UPDATE

Mark Sachkiw provided an update concerning Murayama, Japan, budget approvals and host families. He indicated that plans are to host an adult delegation from Murayama, Japan in 2023. Mr. Sachkiw advised that plans are for a youth delegation to travel to Murayama, Japan during summer of 2023.

Mr. Sachkiw thanked Hiromi Nigochi for assisting with the plans with Murayama, Japan.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS UPDATE

Dave Morrison reiterated the youth ambassador visit to Japan anticipated for next year, as well as a meeting with representatives from Moving Arts regarding the potential of a youth exchange with Harrogate, United Kingdom.

Jamie Babcock provided an update concerning the Global Perspectives Program at Innisdale Secondary School. He advised that a youth delegation will be arriving from Zweibrucken, Germany for a month beginning on September 29, 2022. Mr. Babcock mentioned that spaces are still available for Grade 11 students to enter the Global Perspectives Program.

HARROGATE, UNITED KINGDOM UPDATE

Louise LeRoux provided an update concerning Harrogate, United Kingdom. She advised that plans are to host a U16 Rugby Team in 2023 with a reciprocal visit to Harrogate, United Kingdom in 2024. She explained that team members will stay in homestays during their visit to Barrie.

GERMAN TWINNING AND GERMAN CANADIAN CLUB REPORT

Jean Maurice Pigeon advised that Hans Etzel will be representing the German Twinning Committee on the International Relations Committee. Mr. Pigeon advised that a delegation from Zweibrucken, Germany will be arriving in Barrie on September 4th, 2022. He explained that granite bench will be unveiled at the Southshore Centre in recognition of the 25th Anniversary of the Barrie's twinning relationship with Zweibrucken, Germany.

Mr. Pigeon advised that the Knights of Columbus and German Canadian club will be hosting Octoberfest on September 10th, 2022.

ARRAS, FRANCE UPDATE

Dave Morrison provided an update on Arras, France. Mark Sachkiw advised that representatives from Arras, France will be traveling to Montreal, Quebec.

SIR ROBERT BARRIE PROJECT UPDATE

Bill Sergeant provided an update concerning the Sir Robert Barrie project. He advised that he has plans to visit Maple Ridge Secondary School and present a portrait (on loan) of Sir Robert Barrie to be displayed at the school.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

CHAIRMAN